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DECEMBER 31 ETHIOPIAN HERALD CARRIES TEXT OAU ADMIN SEC GEN'S
NEW YEAR MESSAGE. FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED; SALIENT EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

1. BALANCE OF 1974 ACHIEVEMENTS AND TREND OF EVENTS SUGGEST
THAT THIS MESSAGE MAY BE CHARACTERIZED AS ONE OF HOPE. AFRICAN
TERRITORIES SUBJECT TO PORTUGUESE DOMINATION HAVE SHATTERED
COLONIALIST YOKE AND ARE PREPARING TO JOIN THEIR INDEPENDENT
BRETHREN IN OAU. WE WISH THEM WELL AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT FLAGS
OF MOZAMBIQUE, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, ANGOLA "AND WHY NOT --
THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS" WILL BE UNFURLED DURING THE FORTHCOMING
OAU MEETING.

2. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ZIMBABWE GIVE CAUSE FOR CONSIDERABLE
SATISFACTION. WE REJOICE AT UNITY OF NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS
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WHICH, WE HOPE, WILL LEAD TO THE SPEEDY DE FACTO RECOGNITION

OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE MAJORITY. THERE ARE MANY REASONS FOR BELIEVING THAT THE INELUCTABLE SOLUTION IS FAST APPROACHING IN ZIMBABWE AND THAT THE HOUR OF FREEDOM IS ABOUT TO STRIKE FOR OUR BRETHREN IN AZANIA AND NAMIBIA.

3. PARAMOUNTCY OF STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION SHOULD NOT BE LOOKED UPON AS INIMICAL TO CONSTANT SEARCH FOR PEACE TO WHICH AFRICAN PEOPLES ASPIRE. NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLES ARE NO SLUR ON PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. HOWEVER, GENUINE PEACE CANNOT BE BASED SOLELY ON THE ADJUSTMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GREAT POWERS. SUCH GREAT POWER COEXISTENCE SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, BE ALLOWED TO SPILL OVER INTO INTERFERENCE IN DISPUTES ON OTHER CONTINENTS IN QUEST FOR NEW ZONES OF INFLUENCE. THIS IS WHY AFRICAN PEOPLES CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR BONA FIDE WORLD PEACE, WHICH NECESSARILY DEPENDS UPON THE ELIMINATION OF COLONIALIST DOMINATION, ECONOMIC FREEDOM AND AN END TO EXPLOITATION BY INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLIES.

4. OAU HAS FELT BOUND TO CONTINUE ITS UNFLAGGING SUPPORT FOR THE ARAB CAUSE AND FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IT HAS EXERTED ITSELF TO STRENGTHEN ITS TIES WITH NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES BECAUSE IT IS PROFOUNDLY CONVINCED THAT THE FUTURE OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE THIRD WORLD IS ULTIMATELY INDIVISIBLE.

5. OAU FEELS A SENSE OF GRATIFICATION AT RESULTS OF ITS PAST EFFORTS TOWARDS "CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES" TO INDUCE THEM TO CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDES WITH REGARD TO THE RACIST AND COLONIALIST REGIMES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. OAU IS DETERMINED TO ENCOURAGE AND ORGANIZE SOLIDARITY BETWEEN AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND OTHER THIRD WORLD STATES -- FIRST AND FOREMOST THE ARAB COUNTRIES -- TO MAKE ITS INFLUENCE FELT.

6. OUR CONTINUED PROGRAM TOWARDS THE BUILDING OF A FREE AND UNIFIED AFRICA IS IRREVERSIBLE IF UNREMITTING VIGILANCE AND UNWAVERING FAITH CONTINUE TO GUIDE US.
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